

Today's Donnelly Training Area was formerly part of Ft. Greely, an Arctic training and testing installation south of Delta Junction. Ft. Greely's predecessor was Allen Army Airfield, a World War II airfield built in 1942 to support the Lend-Lease operation along the Northwest Staging Route. After the war, the Army began to use the installation and surrounding lands for much-needed Arctic testing and training. In 1955, the airfield and 678,000 acres of training lands became part of the new post of Ft. Greely. As the home of the Northern Warfare Training Center and the Army's Cold Regions Test Center, Ft. Greely continued to support Arctic training and testing missions. With the closure of Ft. Greely in 2001, the training lands were transferred to the control of Ft. Wainwright and are presently known as the Donnelly Training Area. The DTA is no longer affiliated with the re-established Ft. Greely, which is now a small area under assigned to the Space and Missile Defense Command.